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1. THE THIRD TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE OF MILITARY LEADERS OF BOLIVIA, CHILE AND PERU IN SANTA CRUZ CONCLUDED JULY 7 ON A SOMEWHAT SOUR NOTE. ALTHOUGH THE MILITARY LEADERS ISSUED A PRESS COMMUNIQUE LISTING THE SIGNING OF AGREEMENTS TO COOPERATE TO GUARANTEE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP AMONG THEIR RESPECTIVE ARMED FORCES, REGULARIZE THE INTERCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND CONSULTATION, CREATE A COORDINATING SECRETARIAT FOR FUTURE TRIPARTITE MEETINGS AND REITERATING THE CONCEPTS OF THE 1974 DECLARATION OF AYACUCHO, A PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED THE MORNING OF JULY 7 WAS CANCELLED AT THE LAST MOMENT.

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2. THE BOLIVIAN PRESS HEADLINED THE FACT THAT NO OFFICIAL MENTION WAS MADE OF BOLIVIA'S SEA OUTLET PROBLEM, DESPITE GOB PRESSURES TO RAISE THE SUBJECT. BOLIVIA ARMY CHIEF, GENERAL RAUL ALVAREZ BROUGHT UP THE ISSUE IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS ON JULY 4 AND PRESIDENT BANZER STRESSED IT AGAIN TO CHILEAN ARMY VICE COMMANDER, GENERAL CARLOS FORESTIER AND PERUVIAN ARMY COMMANDER, GENERAL OSCAR MOLINA WHEN HE

RECEIVED THEM ON JULY 6.

3. THE PRESS ALSO INTIMATED THAT FINAL CONTACTS BETWEEN THE DELEGATIONS WERE LESS THAN HARMONIOUS, DESPITE THE CORDIAL GENERALITIES IN THE PRESS COMMUNIQUE, AND CLOSING SPEECHES, SPECULATING THAT THIS WAS DUE TO DIFFERENCES OVER THE SEA OUTLET MATTER AND WHETHER A PRESS CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD. ACCORDING TO ONE NEWSPAPER, CHILEAN GENERAL FORESTIER FLED INTO A HOTEL BAR TO AVOID PURSUING REPORTERS AND LOCKED HIMSELF IN. A MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE THE WRITTEN QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE THREE COUNTRIES WERE POLITICAL IN NATURE AND NOT SUITABLE TO BE ADDRESSED BY THE MILITARY LEADERS. THE QUESTIONS PUBLISHED JULY 8 IN THE LA PAZ DAILY, PRESENCIA, INCLUDED SUCH SUBJECTS AS CONSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE THREE COUNTRIES, BOLIVIA'S QUEST FOR A SEA OUTLET AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: THE PRESS COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON JULY 7 WAS SPARSE AND GENERALLY UNREVEALING. THE TEXTS OF THE AGREEMENTS DESCRIBED HAVE NOT YET BEEN PUBLISHED. THE CONTENTS OF A JOINT DECLARATION SIGNED BY THE THREE DELEGATION CHIEFS DURING THE CLOSING CEREMONY HAS ALSO NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC. THUS, IT IS DIFFICULT TO SAY IF ANYTHING OF SUBSTANCE HAS COME OUT OF THE SANTA CRUZ MEETING. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER THE PRESS BLEW THE SEA OUTLET ISSUE AND CANCELLATION OF THE PRESS CON-

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REFERENCE OUT OF PROPORTION OR WHETHER THERE WAS, IN FACT, FRICTION BETWEEN THE PARTICIPANTS.

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